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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to Decision on the Request for Rehearing mailed March 17, 2006, which set an in-extendable two-month statutory period for response, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

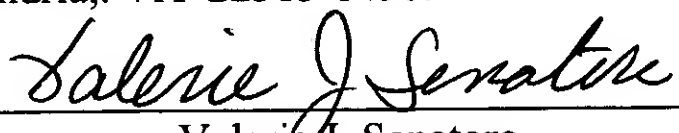
The Amendment to the claims begins on page 2; and

The Remarks begin on page 7.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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